



Child Care Advisory Council  
Minutes  
March 20, 2015

**Council Members Present**

Dean Bobo  
Dr. Whitney Herring  
Christi Littlejohn  
Larry A. Nobles  
Judy Prine  
Colleen Smith  
Shea South  
Deloris Suel  
Sallie West  
Sandra Ziegenhagen  
Laura Dickson  
JoAnn Kelly

**MSDH Staff Present**

Dr. Mary Armstrong  
Vickey Berryman  
Ida Dixon  
Countess Gaitor  
Gay Logan  
Festus Simkins

**Public Present**

Donna Speed  
Margie Nobles

**Welcome/Opening Statements**

- Chairperson, Judy Prine called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.
- Ms. Prine allowed for an introduction of the Council members and MSDH personnel.

**Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Prine requested a motion to approve the minutes from November 7, 2014 meeting. A motion was made by Sallie West and seconded by Sandra Ziegenhagen. The vote for the approval of the minutes was unanimous.

**New Business**

- Ellen O'Neal, JD, SAAG, provided copies of statutes regarding the State Ethics Commission. She discussed the purpose and composition of the Council in reference to the documents. She emphasized that the purpose of the Advisory Council is to provide the Department with their expertise in the operation/regulation of child care facilities. She also stressed that when an operator of a child care facility sits on the council they are to set aside their role as a child care operator, i.e., personal agenda and make decisions that are best for the industry and children. She stated that members of the Council are considered "Public Servants" under Mississippi law. She stressed that under the ethics

laws of Mississippi, "No public servant shall use his official position to obtain, or attempt to obtain, pecuniary benefit for himself other than that compensation provided for by law, or to obtain, or attempt to obtain, pecuniary benefit for any relative or any business with which he is associated."

- Donna Speed, RD, Nutritional Services, provided the council with a Color Me Healthy journal. She also informed the Council of the impending shortage of Color Me Healthy kits and funding. She queried the Council on the effectiveness of Saturday trainings and the need to increase Food Allergy and Food Cost trainings with the possibility of Color Me Healthy trainings being discontinued.
- Laura Dickson, Director MSDH DECCD, updated the Council on the re-authorization of the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014. In her presentation, she highlighted the changes in mandatory training, implementation, and compliance requirements. DECCD is soliciting support from universities/colleges to assist with pre-service and requirements.

#### **Old Business**

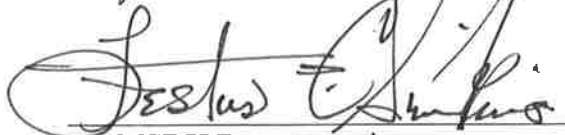
- Judy Prine opened the floor to old business. No old business was brought forth.

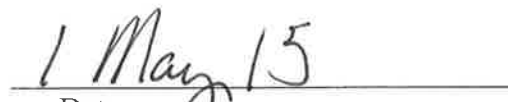
#### **Public Comments**

- Judy Prine opened the floor for public comment. There were no comments from the public.
- Date of the next Child Care Advisory Council meeting is May 1, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.
- JoAnn Kelly made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

  
Council Chairperson

  
MSDH Representative

  
Date